GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
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Scarcity of Drinking Water in Villages
Girri Shri Maheish

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has identified rural habitations in the country which are significantly affected by scarcity of drinking water, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
(b) whether the Government has provided or proposes to provide special assistance to States which are significantly/ Badly affected by shortage of drinking water;
(c) if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Union Government is planning to take any specific measures in cooperation with the respective State Government to resolve the problem of drinking water shortage in rural habitations; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)
(a) Yes Madam. The State / UT-wise details of rural habitations of partially covered category where drinking water is not being supplied as per National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP)norms i.e. 40 litre per capita per day (lpcd) is at Annexure.
(b) and (c)Yes Madam. Under NRDWP, 10% of annual allocation is earmarked for coverage of significantly / badly affectedby shortage of drinking under Desert Development Programme which covers 235 blocks of 7 States namely Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka and Rajasthan.
(d) and (e) Yes Madam.Through NRDWP, this Ministry is providing assistance to the States for increasing the coverage of rural water supply to rural population and while doing so this Ministry advised the States to accord higher priority to the area that is Quality Affected and Partially Covered which are significantly / badly affected by shortage of drinking water.